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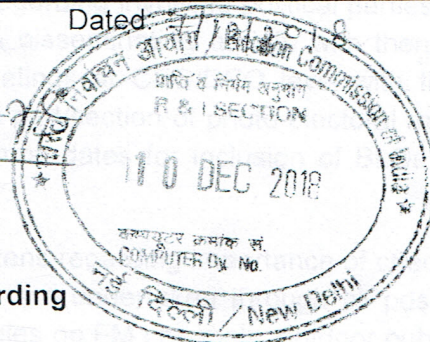
No. F.2(221)/CEO/ER/2018/ 34863

Dated: 11/12/18

To

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Ashoka Road, New Delhi

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Sub: Complaint on deletion of names from electoral rolls-regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the ECI's letters dated 06.11.2018 & 03.12.2018 on the subject cited above. In this regard, it is submitted that a detailed inquiry was conducted by the District Election Officer (South-East), NCT of Delhi. 1st & 2nd Interim reports of DEO(South-East) have already been submitted to the Commission vide this office letters of even no. dated 15.11.2018 & 19.11.2018 respectively.

The DEO (South-East) has submitted the Final report dated 03.12.2018 (copy enclosed). As per report of DEO (South-East), all 1943 electors, deleted since the year 2015 to 2018 in the area of Lal Kuan & Harkesh Nagar of AC-52 (Tuglakabad), were verified from 16th to 18th November, 2018 in a transparent manner involving the political parties and under videography. Local residents were also given prior information regarding door to door verification of deleted electors. Out of 1943 deleted electors, 1648 electors have been found physically shifted or dead and 161 were found present at the time of verification. It is pertinent to mention that even the deletion of these 161 electors were not only as per procedure but spread over last 4 years. In fact, 108 cases were deleted in year 2015 & 2016, prior to the MCD Election, 2017. Only 52 cases have been found to be deleted in year 2018. In this regard, the report of DEO clearly establishes that due procedure was followed by way of field verification by BLO, issuance of notice & delivery of same by speed post, before deletion.

The report of DEO established that there is no evidence of any large scale wrongful deletion or deletion with malafide intentions. The deletion percentage is well within acceptable limits (around 2%) in terms of percentage.

Further, it is stated that Every year draft Electoral Roll and final Electoral Roll are shared with recognized political parties. It is also pertinent to mention that with publication of final roll in present year, there is no relevance for the final roll of previous years. Moreover, no complaint of mass wrongful deletion has ever been received in all these previous years. In fact, the MCD Elections held successfully in Delhi in April, 2017 was conducted on the same electoral roll to the satisfaction of all stake holders including political parties.

Moreover, Deletion and addition of electors is a continuous process of purification & refinement of electoral rolls. In fact, all eligible citizens can apply to be an elector of the area where they are ordinarily residents and his/her name can be deleted as per due procedure if he/she shifts his residence from that area or not found to be ordinarily residing at the time of verification. However, they are entitled to get their name registered at new place of residence or at old place itself if they again shift back to their old address.

Citizens have facility & opportunity to get themselves enrolled not only during Summary Revision but during continuous updation too. In fact, as against the deletion of 10,68,023 during the period in question, an addition of 13,73,300 has taken place & the number of electors has increased by 3,05,277 since the year 2015 which is likely to further increase after completion of Summary Revision & prior to

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General Elections-2019. As per the past trends it has been observed that citizens tend to be more interested in getting their names enrolled prior to the election period.

Moreover, the department follows the instructions of ECI regarding involving political parties and citizens in the electoral registration process by way of sharing & disseminating all info with them. All activities like handing over draft/final roll to political parties, meetings at CEO/DEO level with them, display of electoral roll at designated locations, reading of relevant part/section of photo electoral rolls in Gram Sabha/Local Bodies and RWA meetings etc., Special camps dates for inclusion of BLOs with BLAs etc have always been undertaken in right earnest every year.

Massive campaign to create awareness & sensitize the citizens regarding importance of checking names in electoral roll and apply in Form 6, if name is missing, are undertaken through all possible modes of communication like newspaper advertisement, Radio jingles on FM channels, outdoor publicity campaign, cinema slides etc.

Further, Delhi being capital city with metropolitan character has tendency of floating & migrant population who keeps on coming for certain period & going back to their native places depending upon their need related with employment, education, medical etc.

Further, it is submitted that as per fresh directions of the Commission, all District Election Officers, NCT of Delhi have already started the exercise to give one more opportunity to political parties by organising meeting of BLOs with BLAs in each polling station and share all the information including Forms 9,10,11 & 11A alongwith list of PwD electors during the meeting. They have already been instructed to take feedback from BLAs and collect the forms of left out electors, if any, which will be disposed as per the instructions of the Commission after the publication of final roll.

So, considering the survey report of DEO (South-East) and facts submitted above, it is clear that allegations made by Aam Aadmi Party regarding large scale wrongful deletion with malafide intentions does not hold any ground. Further, this department is making endeavours and efforts to ensure enrollment of all unenrolled eligible citizens in the electoral roll, in spirit with the motto of ECI "No Voter to be left behind" under the guidance & instructions of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Encls: As above.

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FINAL REPORT

Kindly refer to your office letter No.F2 (221)/CEO/ER/2018/32071-73 dated 08-11-2018 wherein comments in reference to complaint made by AAP for "wrongful deletions of names of valid voters from the Electoral Roll" was sought.

In this regard, it is submitted that this office was already in receipt of the same complaint and reference by the ECI vide letter No.30/ECI/Terr/Lett/Nor-2/DEL/2018/SPL dated 06-11-2018 for verification of deleted names in the area of Lal Kuan and Harkesh Nagar of AC-52 (Tughlakabad).

In this regard, the Final report/ATR is submitted as under:

1. It was decided that a complete **door to door survey** will be done of all the deleted entries during the said period, with special teams formed for this purpose. This was to be headed by ERO of the concerned area, and the entire process was to be supervised by DEO.
2. Towards finalizing the modalities and to seek suggestions from complainant and other political parties, a meeting was fixed for 06-11-2018 at 03:00 PM and meeting notices were sent to all concerned. (Annexure 1)
The representatives of political parties failed to attend the above meeting and requested to reschedule the meeting due to festivities of Diwali on 07-11-2018. Accordingly the meeting was rescheduled for 08-11-2018 at 02:30 PM. (Meeting notice at Annexure 2 and attendance sheet as Annexure 3)
3. On 08-11-2018 a meeting was held in the conference hall of DEO (South-East) and was attended by ADM (South-East), SDM (Election), ERO AC-52, AERO AC-52 and four representatives of AAP party and two representatives of BJP (copy of attendance sheet and minutes attached for ready reference).

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In the meeting it was informed to the participants that a complete **door to door survey** shall be done of all the deleted entries during the said period, with special teams formed for this purpose.

They were to be headed by AERO/ERO(s) and the entire process would be supervised by the DEO himself.

Further it was informed that above verification of deleted voters will be carried out in presence of representatives of all political parties with videography of entire process.

It was informed to the representatives of Political parties they will be intimated about the date of verification. It was also informed that they will be provided a list of deletions beforehand and a public announcement shall be also be carried out in the area before that(Munadi).

Suggestions on fixing a date for above survey was sought in above meeting to which the representatives of Political parties submitted that since the areas concerned mainly housed labor and working classes, the date of verification/survey should be fixed after the **"Chath Pooja" and preferably on a holiday.**

They also submitted that at present most of the residents might have gone to their home towns.

Unanimously, all the political party representatives requested and agreed for dates of verification as 16, 17, and 18 of Nov. 201.

It was also assured that concerned parties would send their representatives for the drive.

After seeking suggestion from the representatives of Political Parties it was decided and informed to all present that verification by door to door survey will be done w.e.f. 16-11-2018 to 18-11-2018. It was informed to representatives of Political parties that proper written intimation will be given to them for this drive.

4. As desired by the representatives of political parties the **date of door to door verification** exercise was fixed w.e.f 16/11/2018 to 18/11/2018 and 11 teams were formed vide order no.F.2(Misc)/DEO/SE/Election/2018/2669 dated 10/11/2018 (Annex 4) and this order was forwarded to all recognized political parties.
5. As directed by ECI the **list of deleted voters** w.e.f Feb-2015 to Aug-2018 of the concerned area was prepared in soft copy and hard copy and a link was also provided on DEO(South-East) website to see this list.
The hard copy, soft copy and an online link was forwarded to all recognized political parties vide latter no.DEO/SE/AC-52/DELETION/2015-18/2674- 75 dated 14/11/2018.

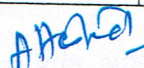
The parties duly acknowledged the receipt of the list.

Attended
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6. **Munadi** was made in the area of Lal Kaun and Harkesh Nagar of AC-52 (Tughlakabad) on 15/11/2018 informing the local residents about door to door verification of deleted voters. Video/pictures of such munadi are attached herewith as evidence.(Annex 5)
 7. All recognized political parties were again **informed** vide letter No.DEO/SE/AC-52/DELETION/2015-18/2690-97 dated 15/11/2018 about the Door to Door exercise.
They were given Mobile no's of the Nodal officers/in charge of the 11 teams to liaison and attend the proceedings.
They were also requested to **nominate** one or two representatives per team to accompany 11 teams during door to door verification w.e.f 16/11/2018 to 18/11/2018. Political parties AAP and BJP nominated their BLA's to attend (copies Attached).
 8. ADM (South-east) was directed to **supervise** the whole exercise of door to door verification vide order no.DEO/SE/AC-52/DELETION/2015-18/2676 dated 14/11/2018.(Annex 6)
 9. A team of **11 videographers** were hired vide work order no.2689 dated 15-11-2018 to accompany the 11 teams and to video-graph the whole process of door to door verification.(Annex 7)
 10. As directed by DEO (South-east) 11 teams performed the door to door verification exercise w.e.f 16/11/2018 to 18/11/2018 and submitted its report in Performa of Annexure - 1.(Copies attached)
 11. The exercise lasted for 3 complete days, and BLAs of political parties were involved in the entire process. The **exercise was video graphed**, and every house visit was documented. The teams were asked to verify existence of the deleted voter and document the same in Performa of annexure 1(Copy attached).
If they were found residing, another questionnaire was supplied to gather information.
 12. Accordingly, all the 11 Teams collected the data and after finishing the entire exercise, the summary of the verification exercise is as under:
(Harikesh nagar and Lal kuan areas from 2015 to 2018)

Team No.	No. of Voters Visited	No. of Voters found "shifted"	No. of Voters found "Expired"	No. of Voters found residing with "other EPIC"	No. of Voters found "residing"
1	185	157	13	0	15
2	190	140	12	14	24


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3	170	160	0	9	01
4	178	136	20	06	16
5	168	157	0	03	08
6	157	131	17	0	09
7	171	128	21	0	22
8	237	214	0	0	23
9	186	144	5	12	25
10	175	163	0	02	10
11	126	118	0	0	8
	1943	1648	88	46	161

13. Of the voters "found residing", i.e. 161 out of 1943, the teams were instructed to* conduct detailed analysis including **De-Duplication, EPIC searches, Files/notice/Orders** retrieval etc.

After further filtering these "found residing" voters, the detailed analysis of deleted voters is attached as Performa of annexure 2(Copy attached).

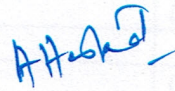
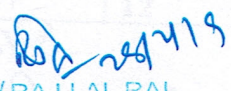
Conclusions and findings:

- It is clear that roughly **92%** of **deleted** voters in the concerned area, i.e. 1648 out of 1943 have **physically shifted** from their earlier places of residence. This is an obvious reason for their deletion and needs no further elaboration.
- Further, an analysis of deletion percentage of this area over the years reveals following:

Harikesh nagar and Lal Kuan*	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Voters(Year wise)	38581	36289	38934	39395
Total Deletions in that area(Year Wise)(Of that 1943)	526	382	51	984
% Deleted	1.36%	1.05%	0.13%	2.50%

*figures differ from interim-report chart because of inadvertent selection of additional part numbers in that report. These are corrected figures.

- Therefore, as can be seen, the deletion percentage is well within acceptable limits (around 2%) in terms of percentage.
 - Out of 8% of deleted voters found "Currently Residing", the detailed break up of **documentary evidence of process duly followed** is enumerated as below:



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Documentary Proof of Process followed.

Notices	Notices issued (Copies attached)	Issued through BLO Register	BLO certificate taken (Copies attached)	Issued through Speed Post	ED Number / Delivery detail generated by Post Office
2015	43	43	43	NA	NA
2016	65	65	65	NA	NA
2017	01	NA	NA	01 (Detail mentioned in Report Performa Annexure-2)	01 (Detail mentioned in Report Performa Annexure-2)
2018	52	NA	NA	52 (Detail mentioned in Report Performa Annexure-2)	52 (Detail mentioned in Report Performa Annexure-2)
Total	161	Copies of all 161 notices are attached.			

- o Further, analysis of the **questionnaire** supplied to the 11 teams reveals of the 161 voters as under: (Copies attached)

Team No.	No. of Voters Visited	Resident s found residing	De-duplicate found during analysis	No. of persons visiting to their native place(s) outside Delhi during holidays/festivals	No. of persons permanent resident of area.
1	185	15	-	15	-
2	190	24	-	24	-
3	170	01	-	01	-
4	178	16	-	16	-
5	168	08	02	03	03
6	157	09	-	09	-
7	171	22	02	20	-
8	237	23	05	18	-
9	186	25	-	21	-
10	175	10	-	10	-
11	126	8	-	03	05
	1943	161	09	140	12

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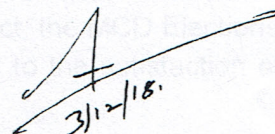
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Around 140 out of these 161, i.e. 86% have accepted that they occasionally **visit their native places** outside Delhi during festivals/holidays. Therefore, it is quite possible that they may have missed the BLO's visits and their subsequent notices.

Also, around 108 voters have been deleted during years 2015 and 2016 and they had every chance to enroll/raise claims during MCD elections 2017, which the ERO has confirmed didn't happen.

This has been attached as self declaration(s) by voter concerned, in the **questionnaire**. (Copies attached)

- ERO of AC-52 has analyzed the documentary evidence of the deletion process followed on these 161 cases, and has certified it as **being adequate and according to ECI norms**(Attached)
- 161 cases out of a voter population of approximately 39000 are **in any case** a mere **0.1%** of total electorate of the area considering 4 years of deletion. Therefore it is clear that there is no evidence of any "large scale deletions" or "mala fide intention" resulting in **bulk deletions without following due procedure**, as is being alleged in the reference provided to this office.
- Also, during the intensive exercise of 11 teams doing Door to Door verification in a limited area of Lal Kuan and Harikesh Nagar for 3 continuous days, there was **no case of disruptions/mass claims/trouble or any dispute by the population** residing there. Entire process was **video-graphed** to further corroborate the exercise.
- Deletions and additions are continuous processes of the electoral roll refinement, and **individual cases** of wrongful deletions, if any, are already being handled by the commission through its robust system of grievance redressals, claims and objections, summary revisions etc.
- To summarize, there is **no evidence** of any "large scale" deletion of voters with mala fide intentions without following due procedure in the instant area, as alleged in the reference to this office.


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